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Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 10-26-06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-16,26,31,34 and 37-41.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The limitation "squeezing the resilient EMI gasket between the first and second jaws and causing a portion of the resilient EMI gasket to protrude beyond an edge of one of either the first and the second jaws" of claim 1, "an actuator linked to the pump and configured to operate the pump when the actuator is activated, thereby inflating the resilient EMI gasket and causing a portion of the resilient EMI gasket to protrude," of claim 10, "operating a cam-lever to squeeze the resilient EMI gasket against a face of the step, thereby causing a portion of the resilient EMI gasket to expand circumferentially to protrude beyond an anterior outer edge of the stepped plate to come into contact with and be forced against the surface" of claim 16, "causing a portion of the resilient EMI gasket to protrude beyond an edge of the device such that the protruding portion of the resilient EMI gasket is forced into contact with the housing surface" of claim 26, "rotating a threaded shaft to squeeze the resilient EMI gasket against a face of the step, thereby causing a portion of the resilient EMI gasket to protrude beyond an anterior outer edge of the stepped plate to forcibly contact the surface" of claim 31, "causing a portion of the inflatable resilient EMI gasket to protrude beyond an anterior outer edge of the device to come into contact with the housing surface," of claim 34, "squeezing a bladder that is in fluid communication with the inflatable resilient EMI gasket to inflate the inflatable resilient EMI gasket, thereby causing a portion of the inflatable resilient EMI gasket to come into contact with and be forced against the surface" of claim 37, "rotating a threaded shaft to inflate

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the inflatable resilient EMI gasket, thereby causing a portion of the inflatable resilient EMI gasket to come into contact with and be forced against the surface" of claim 39 in combination with other limitations present is neither taught nor disclosed in the prior art of record.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hung V Ngo whose telephone number is (571) 272-1979. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday 8:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dean A Reichard can be reached on (571) 272-2800 EXT 31. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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